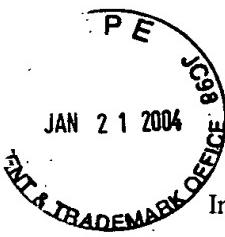


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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision, dated July 22, 2003, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 16, 18-22, 24-29, 43, 45-49, 51-55 and 79-84 of the above-identified patent application.

An extension of time for responding to the final rejection for three (3) months is submitted herein.

A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.

A fee of \$330.00 is required. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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